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Sir:

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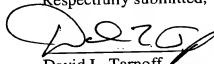
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German Patent Publication No. 197 57 986 appears to disclose an intake manifold. The European search report indicates that the whole document is relevant to this application. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

European Patent Publication No. 1 122 421 appears to disclose an intake manifold with an integrated gas recirculation system. The European search report indicates that the abstract, column 5, paragraph 20 – column 6, paragraph 23 and Figures 1 and 2 are relevant to this application. This publication corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,442,221 which can be referenced to better understand this reference.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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